GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VIOLATIONS ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has pointed to Bangladesh that increasing trade ties between them will be reviewed after report of the Inquiry Committee probing the killing of BSF officials recently;

(b) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to see that both India and Bangladesh borders are free from such violations and to control the migration from Bangladesh to India;

(c) if so, the whether both countries have agreed to formulate concrete programme of action to check infiltration and also security of the borders; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d) : There is no link between the review of trade ties with Bangladesh and the probe regarding killing of BSF Officials. Meetings between officials of both the forces are regularly held to improve cooperation and resolve day-to-day problems amicably. Joint co-ordinated patrolling between BSF and BDR has been started on experimental basis for better coordination and cooperation between the two border guarding forces. However, the Government of India have taken several steps to check illegal migration from Bangladesh which includes the followings:

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;

(ii) Conduct of special operations;

(iii) Up-gradation of intelligence net-work;

(iv) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties;

(v) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads;